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State Conservation Committee awards \$187,856 in Moose Plate grants to NH towns and organizations

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The State Conservation Committee announced today that it granted \$187,856 to twelve New Hampshire cities, towns, and nonprofits. The twelve grantees include

- Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance: \$4,998 to support the Youth Conservation Corps Streams Project
- Town of Effingham Conservation Commission: \$36,900 to support Wildlife Action Plan implementation
- Town of Grantham Conservation Commission: \$4,995 to support the Critical Lands Program
- The Jordan Institute: \$4,750 to support development and dissemination of a statewide natural services network
- Town of Lancaster: \$4,360 to support the scientific documentation of the Clark's Pond-Martin Meadow Wetland Complex
- Town of Landaff Conservation Commission: \$4,999 to support the natural resource inventory
- City of Manchester: \$25,000 to support the Black Brook Restoration Project
- Moose Mountain Regional Greenways: \$4,875 to support implementation of natural resource conservation and protection strategies in the Moose Mountain Region
- Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm: \$28,299 to support the Environmental Agriculture Program
- The Nature Conservancy: \$25,000 to support the Whitton Pond Conservation Project
- The Trust for Public Land: \$40,000 to support the Robb Reservoir Conservation Initiative
- University of NH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County: \$3,680 to support a publication with guidance on conserving wetland habitats for pond-breeding amphibians

"The State Conservation Committee is pleased to support these diverse conservation projects throughout New Hampshire," said Michele L. Tremblay, the Committee's Executive Director.

Over 50 State Conservation Committee grants have been awarded on a competitive basis since 2002 with nearly \$615,000 awarded to cities, towns, and organizations. This year, the Committee received 31 applications totaling nearly \$560,000 and was able to fund twelve. The next request for proposals will be issued in the late summer. Further

information about the State Conservation Committee grants program can be found at www.nh.gov/scc.

Each time a NH citizen purchases or renews his or her car registration with a Moose Plate, a portion of the registration fee goes to NH agencies involved in natural resource and wildlife conservation. The State Conservation Committee allocates its share of these funds to a Grant Program that is open to county conservation districts, UNH Cooperative Extension natural resource programs, municipal conservation agencies, schools, scout groups, and other nonprofit entities that are engaged in natural resource conservation programs.

“This grant funding wouldn’t be possible without the support of NH citizens who purchase the Moose Plate plates,” according to Ken Kettenring, Chair, State Conservation Committee. “If you are interested in changing your vehicle’s registration to support the program, you can find additional information by visiting www.mooseplate.com.”

The State Conservation Committee is a NH state government agency that has provided inter-departmental natural resource coordination for over 60 years, as well as providing oversight and support to the ten county conservation districts.